

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**HEARING EXAMINER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. [2013-104-S](#)**

**MARCH 27, 2013**

Josh Minges  
Hearing Examiner

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Martin Okorie - Minoes Laundromat, Complainant/Petitioner v. Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC d/b/a Alpine Utilities, Defendant/Respondent**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Motion to hold matter in abeyance in order for Complainant to comply with Commission Regulation 103-805(B) and *In Re: Unauthorized Practice of Law Rules Proposed by the South Carolina Bar*, 309 S.C. 304 (1992).

**HEARING EXAMINER ACTION:**

Although Martin Okorie has filed a Complaint against Alpine Utilities, Minoes, LLC appears to be the actual customer of that Company. By Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court and Commission Regulation 103-805(B), limited liability companies and other corporate structures must be represented by an attorney who is authorized to practice law in this State. As a result, this matter cannot proceed until Minoes, LLC retains representative counsel.

However, even though Minoes, LLC may retain counsel, the Commission has requested that the Office of Regulatory Staff investigate Alpine's commercial rates in general. The results of the investigation may have a bearing on this Complaint. Therefore, all the prefiling dates and the hearing date are held in abeyance until further order.